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## Idaho Potato Production Lowest Since 1989

Idaho's potato production is expected to total 114 million cwt, unchanged from the November forecast and down 14 percent from last year's 133 million cwt. If realized, this would be the least production in Idaho since 1989. Planted acres of 295,000 and harvested acres of 294,000 are down 25,000 acres from 2009. Harvested acreage is at the lowest level since 1980. Statewide, yield is 389 cwt (field-run basis), down 26 cwt from last year's record high yield per acre. Yield in the 10 Southwestern counties, at 550 cwt, increased 50 cwt from 2009 and is a record high for this area.

Acreage for the 10 Southwest counties, at 16,000 acres planted and harvested, decreased 3,000 acres from last year. Because of the acreage decrease, total production in the area is down 7 percent from last year at 8.80 million cwt. In Idaho's "other counties," yield is estimated at 380 cwt, compared to a record 410 cwt a year ago. Other area production from 278,000 harvested acres is expected to total 106 million cwt, 14 percent below last year's 123 million cwt.

## Potatoes: Planted, Harvested, Yield and Production By Seasonal Group, State, and United States, 2009 – 2010

States	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Acres				Cwt		1,000 Cwt	
WINTER 1/ SPRING 2/ SUMMER 2/ FALL	9.0 79.2 43.2	(NA) 91.9 38.3	8.7 73.7 41.7	(NA) 89.6 37.1	245 289 343	(NA) 291 317	2,132 21,321 14,321	(NA) 26,060 11,779
California	8.0	6.0	8.0	6.0	495	380	3,960	2,280
Colorado	56.0	55.5	55.2	55.2	400	390	22,080	21,528
<b>IDAHO, ALL</b>	<b>320.0</b>	<b>295.0</b>	<b>319.0</b>	<b>294.0</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>132,500</b>	<b>114,440</b>
<b>- 10 SW Counties</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>8,800</b>
<b>- Other Areas</b>	<b>301.0</b>	<b>279.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>278.0</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>123,000</b>	<b>105,640</b>
Maine	56.0	55.3	55.5	55.2	275	285	15,263	15,732
Massachusetts	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.8	260	285	884	1,083
Michigan	45.0	44.0	43.5	43.5	360	360	15,660	15,660
Minnesota	47.0	45.0	45.0	42.0	460	405	20,700	17,010
Montana	11.2	11.5	9.7	11.3	340	320	3,298	3,616
Nebraska	20.0	19.0	19.9	18.6	440	415	8,756	7,719
Nevada	5.1	7.2	5.1	7.2	470	385	2,397	2,772
New Mexico	6.5	6.2	6.4	6.2	400	400	2,560	2,480
New York	17.1	16.2	16.5	16.1	300	300	4,950	4,830
North Dakota	83.0	84.0	75.0	80.0	255	275	19,125	22,000
Ohio	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	335	290	704	609
Oregon	37.0	35.5	37.0	35.5	580	565	21,460	20,058
Pennsylvania	10.0	10.0	9.5	9.5	310	245	2,945	2,328
Rhode Island	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.6	230	275	92	165
Washington	145.0	135.0	143.0	134.0	610	610	87,230	81,740
Wisconsin	63.5	62.5	63.0	62.0	460	400	28,980	24,800
<b>TOTAL FALL</b>	<b>936.7</b>	<b>894.5</b>	<b>917.2</b>	<b>882.8</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>393,544</b>	<b>360,850</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>1,068.1</b>	<b>1,024.7</b>	<b>1,041.3</b>	<b>1,009.5</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>431,318</b>	<b>398,689</b>

(NA) Not Available.

1/ Beginning in 2010, winter estimates included in spring total.

2/ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

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## Idaho Potato Stocks Down 16 Percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on December 1 totaled 82.5 million cwt, 15.5 million cwt less than on hand December 1, 2009. This is the lowest December 1 stocks level since 1989. Disappearance, at 31.9 million cwt is down from last year's 34.5 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 4.60 million cwt, down from last year's 5.60 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 77.9 million cwt, were down from the 92.4 million cwt stored on December 1, 2009.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 232 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2010, down 13 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 66 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, three percentage points below December 1, 2009. Potato disappearance, at 119 million cwt, was 1 percent above December 1, 2009. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 12.5 million cwt, was down 13 percent from the same date in 2009.

### Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors and Local Dealers on December 1, 2009 and December 1, 2010 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2009			CROP OF 2010		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2009	DECEMBER 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2010	DECEMBER 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,960	2,100	53	2,280	1,600	70
Colorado	22,080	15,900	72	21,528	15,500	72
Idaho	132,500	98,000	74	114,440	82,500	72
Maine	15,263	12,000	79	15,732	12,000	76
Michigan	15,660	9,000	57	15,660	9,300	59
Minnesota	20,700	13,300	64	17,010	11,000	65
Montana	3,298	3,300	100	3,616	3,500	97
Nebraska	8,756	5,700	65	7,719	4,900	63
New York	4,950	2,400	48	4,830	2,300	48
North Dakota	19,125	13,000	68	22,000	14,000	64
Oregon	21,460	17,400	81	20,058	15,100	75
Washington	87,230	53,100	61	81,740	44,100	54
Wisconsin	28,980	20,600	71	24,800	16,500	67
13 STATES	383,962	265,800	69	351,413	232,300	66
Klamath Basin 2/		4,500			3,700	

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2009 totaled 23.6 million cwt. 2/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR.

## U.S. Dairy Products October 2010 Highlights

**Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 893 million pounds, 3.5 percent above October 2009 and 1.6 percent above September 2010.

**Italian type cheese** production totaled 369 million pounds, 3.1 percent above October 2009 and 0.9 percent above September 2010.

**American type cheese** production totaled 364 million pounds, 4.1 percent above October 2009 and 2.8 percent above September 2010.

**Butter** production was 122 million pounds, 7.5 percent above October 2009 and 6.8 percent above September 2010.

**Dry milk powders:** (comparisons with October 2009)  
Nonfat dry milk, human - 115 million pounds, up 24.2 percent.

Skim milk powders - 17.5 million pounds, up 72.2 percent.

**Whey products:** (comparisons with October 2009)

Dry whey, total - 79.0 million pounds, down 3.3 percent.

Lactose, human and animal - 74.0 million pounds, up 15.8 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total - 35.4 million pounds, down 1.3 percent.

**Frozen products:** (comparisons with October 2009)

Ice cream, regular (hard) - 61.3 million gallons, down 10.7 percent.

Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 27.9 million gallons, down 1.6 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 3.03 million gallons, down 9.4 percent.

Frozen yogurt (total) - 4.43 million gallons, down 25.5 percent.

## Mid-November Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of November showed increases for alfalfa hay, feed barley, dry edible beans, all potatoes, all wheat, calves, and steers and heifers. Prices decreased for all barley, malting barley, all milk, beef cattle, and cows.

For the U.S., the preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 159 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 4 points (2.6 percent) from October. Producers received higher prices for soybeans, corn, lettuce, and eggs. Lower prices were received for hogs, milk, apples, and cucumbers.

### Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, November 2009 - November 2010

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		November 2009	October 2010	November 2010 <sup>1/</sup>	November 2009	October 2010	November 2010	
							Price <sup>1/</sup>	% Parity
<b>CROPS:</b>								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	120.00	124.00	127.00	109.00	118.00	117.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	4.85	4.11	3.89	4.46	3.75	3.76	36
Feed	Bu.	2.75	3.68	3.80	2.50	3.35	3.54	--
Malting	Bu.	5.09	4.17	3.90	4.88	3.89	3.84	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	32.40	22.60	27.80	30.10	25.70	24.30	34
Potatoes <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	6.10	6.15	6.35	7.22	6.77	7.65	37
Fresh <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt.	4.80	6.60	--	6.68	9.91	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	7.00	6.00	--	7.46	6.16	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	4.59	5.63	5.94	4.79	5.87	6.21	42
<b>LIVESTOCK &amp;</b>								
Beef Cattle <sup>4/</sup>	Cwt.	71.20	85.80	83.90	79.60	93.10	94.10	37
Cows <sup>5/</sup>	Cwt.	42.30	53.40	52.30	41.70	52.70	51.90	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	85.50	98.40	99.50	85.40	98.80	100.00	--
Calves	Cwt.	100.00	118.00	122.00	104.00	120.00	122.00	34
Lambs	Cwt.	89.00	134.00	--	97.70	138.00	--	--
Milk, All <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt.	14.80	17.10	16.50	15.40	18.50	17.90	36 <sup>7/</sup>

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers & heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling. 7/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

### United States Price Index Summary Table

Index	November 2009	October 2010	November 2010
Prices Received	136	155	159
Prices Paid	178	186	188
Ratio Prices received to prices paid	76	83	85

## Idaho Dry Bean Production Up 25 Percent

Idaho's 2010 dry edible bean production totaled 2.48 million cwt, up 25 percent from last year's production of 1.98 million cwt. Planted acreage of 135,000 and harvested acreage of 134,000 increased from last year's 100,000 acres planted and 99,000 acres harvested. Average yield was 1,850 pounds per acre, down 150 pounds from the previous year.

Pinto production increased from last year and continues to account for the largest portion of Idaho's crop with 37.8 percent of Idaho's production. Chickpea (garbanzo) production increased sharply from last year and accounts for 25.1 percent of the total. The majority of chickpea production is the large type. Pink production increased from last year to account for 8.9 percent of Idaho's production. Small Red production accounts for 8.8 percent. Navy production accounts for 5.3 percent of production. Black production accounts for 4.4 percent of Idaho's production, and Great Northern production accounts for 3.7 percent. Dark red kidneys, light red kidneys, cranberries, small whites, and other classes made up the remaining dry edible bean production in Idaho.

Of the eleven classes of dry edible beans estimated for Idaho during 2010, six classes (pinto, all chickpea, pink, small red, navy, and black) posted production gains from last year, while Great Northerns, dark red kidneys, light red kidneys, cranberries, and small whites decreased production from last year.

Nationally, U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 31.3 million cwt for 2010, up 23 percent from 2009. Harvested area is forecast at 1.83 million acres, 25 percent above the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,706 pounds per acre, a decrease of 31 pounds from 2009. Production is expected to be higher in 12 of the 17 States in the dry bean program in 2010. The top five producing States all showed increased production from last season. Production in North Dakota, the largest producing State, was up 34 percent from a year ago, while Michigan increased 20 percent from 2009. Minnesota and Nebraska's production increased 22 percent and 26 percent, respectively. Idaho's production is up 25 percent from last season.

